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THE BATTLE OF KURSK.

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Editor's Note "The Battle of Kursk was one of the decisive battles of World War II..... We are publishing an article on the Battle of Kursk, in which the gift of leadership of XX Marshal Rokossovskiy, a great pole and a great soldier, was displayed to the full."

Introduction.

Stresses the importance of the Battle of Kursk. As Stalin put it : "the Battle of Stalingrad was the forerunner of the collapse of the German Fascist Army; ~~xx~~ after the Battle of Kursk, catastrophe stared it in the face".

The Plan of Hitler's Command.

Lists
~~Analyzes makeup of German~~
Discusses strength of German forces.

Cutlines the German plan of campaign for the summer of 1943.

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Explains that Includes map showing projected offensive on Moscow.

The Technical and Moral Superiority of the Soviet Army.

In the summer of 1943 the Soviet Army was better equipped than in previous campaigns. Its morale was high, whereas that of the Germans was low.

The First Phase of the Battle of Kursk.

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CONTINUATION

~~2xx~~ The battle began on ~~22nd~~^{July} July 1943, when the Germans launched ~~xxxxxx~~ their attack on the city. The Soviet armies were expecting this, having been warned on 2 July by a special telegram from Stalin. Describes their successful defence. Includes map of front.

The second Phase of the battle of Kursk.

Describes the Soviet counteroffensive which began on the ~~12~~ July 12. Lists German losses. *Battle of Kursk completely shattered the German offensive strategy.*

The Triumph of Soviet Military Science.

Explains how various Soviet ideas on tactics proved ~~xxx~~ soundness in the Battle of Kursk. Praises Gen Marshal Rokossovskiy, who was in command of the Center Front.

List of Photographs.

Night ~~battle~~ Fighting near Kursk (page 4).

Soviet Tanks attacking near Kursk (page 8).

The life situation of Cossacks. The population shows its attitude to the Soviet Army (page 9).

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